Declaration of Dandi March as Heritage Path

2392. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared the route of 'Dandi March' as the Heritage Path and have prepared a project for developing the route;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the project and the time limit for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is Undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Gujarat. However, Ministry of Tourism from 10th Five Year Plan is extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them every year under the schemes for Product/ Infrastructure Development of Circuits/Destination and Assistance to large Revenue Generating projects.

On the basis of project proposals submitted by the State Government and appraisal as per guidelines, the following projects have been sanctioned for development of Dandi:

(a) Destination development of Dandi Rs. 380.27 lakh

(b) Rural Tourism project of Dandi Rs. 50.00 lakh

Execution and implementation of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism,is the responsibility of the State Government of Gujarat.

However, Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the progress of projects through review meetings held from time to time.

Dandi Namak Satyagraha place in South Gujarat as a tourist spot

2393. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a project for

the development of historical place of "Dandi Namak Satyagraha' in South Gujarat as a tourist spot;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the project and the time limit for completion of the project?

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Development of Orchards to Encourage Tourism

2394. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to make remote villages and minor and medium towns to be made tourist attractions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are giving thrust on tourism in the outskirts;